GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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PURCHASE OF METAL DETECTOR MACHINES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Railways have declared high alert recently in each State of the country due to serious threat of extremists / terrorists;

(b): if so, the details thereof;

(c): the number of metal detector machines provided at the railway stations during each of the last three years and current year, zone-wise; and

(d): the amount spent by the Railways to purchase the metal detector machines and other security arrangements during above period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. On receipt of intelligence inputs from the Intelligence Bureau and other sources in regard to serious threat of extremists / terrorists and also after each incident of explosion / attack on Railways by terrorists / insurgents, all the Chief Security Commissioners of Zonal Railways have been advised to take necessary precautionary measures in coordination with local Police / Intelligence Agencies. Railway Administration has also directed that the Railway Protection Force (RPF) / Railway Protection Special Force (RPSF) personnel should be sensitized about this grave danger and put on maximum alert.

(c) & (d):

S.No	Railway	Division	Metal Detector	Total Amount
1	Central	Pune	33	Rs. 63,525/-
2	Eastern	Howrah-I	56	Howrah-II 34
		Sealdah	47	AsansoL 51
		Maldah	22	Chittaranjan 12
				Loco Works
		Metro	40	
				TOTAL 262 Rs. 13,39,000/-
3	East Coast	Waltair	11	Rs. 2,14,385/-
4	East Central	Mughalsarai	22	Danapur 11
		Dhanbad	20	Sonpur 28
		Samastipur	07	
				Total 88 Rs. 1,98,000/-

5	Northern	Ambala 13	Delhi-I 56		
		Delhui-II 26	Ferozpur 65		
		Lucknow 17	Moradabad 13		
		RCF/ Kapurthala 04			
		Total 194	Rs. 3,37,863/-		
6	Northeast frontier	No metal detector provided			
7	North Eastern	Izat nagar 05	Lucknow 12		
		Zonal HQ 08			
		Total 25	Rs. 62,500/-		
8	North Western	Ajmer 02	Bikaner 01		
		Jaipur 11	Jodhpur 09		
		Total 23	Rs. 2,65,566/-		
9	North Central	No metal detector provided			
10	Southern	Chennai 41	Trichy 63		
		Madurai 01	Palghat 04		
		Total 109	Rs. 3,11,120/-		
11	South Central	Secunderabad 17	Hyderabad 19		
		Guntakal 38	Vijayawada 25		
		Nanded 05			
		Total 104	Rs. 6,83,077/-		
12	South Eastern	No metal detector procured			
13	South East Central:	No metal detector procured			
14	South Western	Bangalore 18	Mysore 26		
		Total 44	Rs. 88,000/-		
15	Western	Mumbai Central 128	Vadodara 08		
		Ahmedabad 15	Ratlam 14		
		Rajkot 10	Bhavnagar 04		
		Total 179	Rs. 6,21,800/-		

16 West Bhopal 28 Kota 18
Central Total 46 Rs. 2,48,400/-

In addition, approximately Rupees 4 crore on purchase of wireless sets,Rs.9 crore on the purchase of vehicles have been spent. It is an ongoing process for which the procurement of various security related equipment will continue in future to strengthen the Railway Protection Force in order to render quick and better services to the traveling passengers. All the General Managers have been authorized to incur Rs.10 lakhs on the purchase of Hand Held Metal Detectors / Door Frame Metal Detectors. However, expensive equipment (Bomb Disposal Kits and X-Ray Scanner etc.) shall continue to be procured under `Machinery & Plant` head with approval of Railway Board.